

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 remain pending in the instant application.

In the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005, Claims 1-54 are held subject to a restriction requirement; the Examiner contending that the claims are directed to more than one invention as follows:

- Group I - Claims 41-52, which the Examiner contends are directed to a prepolymer; and
- Group II – Claims 1-40, 53 and 54, which the Examiner contends are directed to an elastomer.

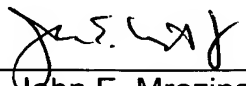
Applicants herein elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II (Claims 1-40, 53 and 54), and therefore cancel Claims 41-52 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Conclusion

Applicants have cancelled Claims 41-52. Such amendment adds no new matter and finds support in the specification.

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early examination and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested for Claims 1-40, 53 and 54. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for other than allowance, he is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number given below so that additional changes may be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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